

Wednesday, 14 July 2010



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Official meetings

Wednesday, 14 July 2010

Security Council

10 a.m.

Consultations of the whole (closed)

Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

1701 report (S/2010/352)

Other matters

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Friday, 16 July 2010, in the Security Council Chamber Room GA-TSC-01, in connection with the agenda item "Maintenance of international peace and security: Optimizing the use of preventive diplomacy tools: Prospects and challenges in Africa". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (tel. 1 (212) 963-5258; room TB-08083; fax 1 (212) 963-4213), from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *five minutes*.

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

An informal meeting of the plenary of the General Assembly, to conduct a celebration of the inaugural Nelson Mandela International Day, will be held on Friday, 16 July 2010, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 12 July 2010, was sent by facsimile to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

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General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty

First session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 1 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Recommendations on the elements that would be needed to attain an effective and balanced legally binding instrument on the highest possible common international standards for the transfer of conventional arms in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of the General Assembly resolution 64/48 [5]

[The list of side events on the occasion of the first session of the Preparatory Committee can be consulted at <www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/ATTPrepCom/SideEvents.html>.]

[The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision on the modalities of attendance of non-governmental organizations at the sessions of the Preparatory Committee, as contained in document A/CONF.217/PC/L.2. Further information can be found at the following address: <www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/ATTPrepCom/index.htm>.]

[Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary, Mr. Timur Alasaniya (room IN-611; fax 1 (212) 963-5305 — c/o Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Lists of delegations can also be delivered to the office of the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch in the North Lawn Building (NL-1033D).]

Group of Governmental Experts on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security

Fourth session

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7 (NLB)
5.30–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

Substantive session of 2010

Humanitarian affairs segment

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	33rd meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)
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Opening of the segment

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance (A/65/82-E/2010/88) [5]

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

General discussion

- 3-6 p.m. 34th meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)
 Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance (A/65/82-E/2010/88) [5]
Panel discussion on "Humanitarian assistance operations in highly hazardous or insecure and unsafe environments"
Chair:
 H.E. Mr. Octavio Errázuriz (Chile), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council
Moderator:
 Mr. John Holmes, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator
Panellists:
 Mr. Gregory Starr, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Safety and Security (DSS)
 Mr. Ramiro Lopes da Silva, Deputy Executive Director, External Relations, World Food Programme (WFP)
 Mr. Fyras Mawazini, Executive Coordinator, NGO Coordination Committee for Iraq (NCCI)
 Mr. Martin Mogwanja, United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator, Pakistan
 Mr. Dominik Stillhart, Deputy Director of Operations, International Committee of the Red Cross
 Mr. Alexander Aleinikoff, Deputy High Commissioner, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
Question-and-answer session

[The list of side events on the occasion of the 2010 substantive session of the Council is available at <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/julyhls/pdf/10_10_side_events.pdf>.]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Forty-sixth session

- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 928th meeting Conference Room 4 (NLB)
 3-5 p.m. 929th meeting Conference Room 4 (NLB)
 Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women [4]
 Introduction of the combined second to fourth periodic report of Fiji (CEDAW/C/FJI/2-4)

Working Group of the Whole

- 5-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4 (NLB)

General Assembly Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

Fourth session

Working Group on Lessons Learned

A meeting of the Working Group on Lessons Learned of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *today*, 14 July 2010, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Briefing

The secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests will hold a briefing *today*, 14 July 2010, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB), on preparations for the ninth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, including its high-level segment; the International Year of Forests, 2011; and on the meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on Forest Financing (13–17 September 2010, Nairobi, Kenya). All Member States, as well as observers, are invited to attend.

Economic and Social Council

Substantive session of 2010

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by the facilitator, Ms. Tishka Francis (Bahamas), on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration" *today*, 14 July 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the vice-presidency of the Council (Republic of Moldova) and facilitated by Ms. Nadia Isler (Switzerland), on the draft resolution entitled "Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system", will be held *today*, 14 July 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by the facilitator, Ms. Gabriela González (Uruguay), on the draft resolution entitled "Tobacco, maternal and child health" *today*, 14 July 2010, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by the facilitator, Ms. Véronique Pépin-Hallé (Canada), on the draft resolution on the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti *today*, 14 July 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Informal meetings of the General Assembly

Wednesday, 14 July 2010

Informal "informal" meeting on the preparation of the 2010 High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals

3 p.m.

Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 14 July 2010

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts) (on the 2010 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council)

8.45–9.30 a.m.

Closed meeting

Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Closed meeting

Conference Room 10 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the 2010 High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Closed meeting

Conference Room C (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the 2010 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council)

3–6 p.m.

Closed meeting

Conference Room C (NLB)

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly

1.15–2.30 p.m.

Closed meeting

Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

3–6 p.m.

Closed meeting

Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/pressg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 14 July 2010

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 15 July 2010

Economic and Social Council

Substantive session of 2010

Humanitarian affairs segment

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 35th meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance (A/65/82-E/2010/88) [5]

Panel discussion on "Strengthening preparedness for humanitarian emergencies and the coordinated provision of humanitarian assistance, in particular, addressing the humanitarian needs of the affected populations and the factors that increase susceptibility to humanitarian emergencies"

3–6 p.m. 36th meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance (A/65/82-E/2010/88) [5]

General discussion (continued and concluded)

Conclusion of the humanitarian affairs segment

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support will provide an informal briefing on preparations for the 2011 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment on Thursday, 15 July 2010, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 64/266 (A/RES/64/266), the Department of Field Support will also provide an informal briefing on the Global Field Support Strategy for members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on Monday, 19 July 2010, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

United Nations Board of Auditors

Sixty-fourth session

The sixty-fourth session of the United Nations Board of Auditors will be held from Monday, 19, to Wednesday, 21 July 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 10 (NLB).

**General Assembly
Security Council**

Peacebuilding Commission

Fourth session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

An informal meeting of the Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Friday, 16 July 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

Economic and Social Council

Substantive session of 2010

(28 June–23 July 2010)

Informal “informal” consultations

There will be informal “informal” consultations, convened by the facilitator, Mr. Noel González Segura (Mexico), on the draft resolution on financing for development, under agenda item 6 (a), on Thursday, 15 July 2010, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

There will be informal “informal” consultations, convened by the facilitator, Ms. Namira Negm (Egypt), on the draft resolution on international cooperation on tax matters on Thursday, 15 July 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

List of speakers

The lists of speakers for all segments have been indicated below. If no specific reference is made to a list of speakers, it implies that no such list is being maintained. The deadlines for inscription are indicated in the relevant paragraphs below. In order to accommodate all the participants, statements during the general debate of the high-level segment and during all other segments will be limited to *five minutes*, with the understanding that the full texts of the statements can be circulated in the meeting room. Requests for inscription on the lists of speakers should be sent, *in writing*, to the secretariat of the Council (Ms. Lorna Fidler (e-mail fidler@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

*General segment**[Items 6–14 of the provisional agenda]**(16–23 July)*

The general segment will begin on Friday, 16 July, with item 6 (b) (Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010) and will continue until Thursday, 22 July. *Lists of speakers will be maintained for the general debate of each item. The lists are open for inscription and will close by 6 p.m. on the day before the consideration of the item.* Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers should send their requests, *in writing*, to the secretariat of the Council (Ms. Lorna Fidler (e-mail fidler@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

*Conclusion of work
(Friday, 23 July)*

The Council will conclude the work of its substantive session of 2010 on Friday, 23 July.

List of participants

Delegations should send, *in writing*, the names and titles of the members of their delegations (please indicate clearly the head and alternate head of delegation) as they would like them to appear in the official list of participants. Please send this composition of delegation to the secretariat of the Council (room IN-622), or by fax (1 (212) 963-5935), *as soon as possible*. The list of participants will be issued as part of the official documents of the session.

Statements

In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide 30 copies of their statements to the Conference Officers. Delegations wishing to have the full text of statements circulated should provide 250 copies of the same to the Conference Officers.

Forthcoming informal meetings of the General Assembly

Informal meeting of the plenary on the political declaration to be adopted at the high-level review of progress made in addressing the vulnerabilities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy

Thursday, 15 July 2010, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[A letter from the Co-Facilitators, dated 9 July 2010, was sent by facsimile to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Other forthcoming meetings

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OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 15 July 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Caribbean Community and African Group (joint meeting) (Third Committee experts)

Thursday, 15 July 2010, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Western European and Other States Group (informal briefing)

Friday, 16 July 2010, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking (at the expert level)

Friday, 16 July 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Meeting of Governmental Experts on Small Arms: Informal open-ended consultation with Member States by the Chair-designate of the upcoming Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts in 2011, on the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

Monday, 19 July 2010, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Eastern European Group (meeting with the Assistant Secretary-General, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women)

Monday, 19 July 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Launch of the IASC report on the response to the humanitarian crisis in Haiti detailing achievements, challenges and lessons to be learnt (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

Thursday, 15 July 2010, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hilja Gebest, OCHA (e-mail gebest@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4237).]

Special events on the occasion of the first Nelson Mandela International Day (18 July) (A/RES/64/13) (organized by the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of South Africa)

[Details on the activities on the occasion of the celebration can be found at www.un.org/en/events/mandeladay or www.facebook.com/mandelaintlday.]

Screening of the film "Mandela: Son of Africa, Father of a Nation" and panel discussion

Thursday, 15 July 2010, at 6.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Melanie Nolte, DPI (e-mail nolte@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-0262); or Mr. Motumisi Tawana, Permanent Mission of South Africa (e-mail tawanam@dirco.gov.za; tel. 1 (212) 692-2402).]

Announcements

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly

Interested delegations are invited to submit their specific written comments on the draft report and draft resolution at the following e-mail addresses: diegomalpede@hotmail.co and simona.leskovar@gov.si. A letter from the Co-Chairs will be forthcoming.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001)

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) has adopted a policy guidance on international cooperation, which can be accessed at www.un.org/sc/ctc.

General Assembly

Seating protocol for the sixty-fifth session

On Friday, 11 June 2010, the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management drew from among the Member States the name of Guinea to occupy the first seat in the General Assembly Hall at the sixty-fifth session. Consequently, the delegation of Guinea will sit at the first desk at the right of the President, and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

Side events on the occasion of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly

Delegations and other interested parties are invited to submit their proposed side events for inclusion in the calendar of partnership events to be held in conjunction with the High-level Plenary Meeting. Please use the online form on the official Web site of the High-level Plenary Meeting www.un.org/en/mdg/summit2010/events.shtml. Information on where to submit requests for rooms is also available on the official Web site. For further information, please send an e-mail to hlpmevents@un.org.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council www.un.org/Docs/sc.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.shtml and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp. All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 13 July 2010

Security Council

6358th meeting

Peace consolidation in West Africa

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Office for West Africa (S/2010/324)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Said Djinnit, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Djinnit.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations

Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty

First session

3rd meeting

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

Recommendations on the elements that would be needed to attain an effective and balanced legally binding instrument on the highest possible common international standards for the transfer of conventional arms in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 64/48 [5]

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Colombia, Belarus, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Suriname (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), New Zealand, Uruguay, Brazil, Trinidad and Tobago, Israel, Switzerland, Canada, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, South Africa and Peru.

The Chair made a statement.

4th meeting

Recommendations on the elements that would be needed to attain an effective and balanced legally binding instrument on the highest possible common international standards for the transfer of conventional arms in accordance with operative paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 64/48 [5]

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Jamaica, Australia (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Morocco, Mongolia, the United States, Australia, Costa Rica, India and China.

The Chair made a statement.

Economic and Social Council

Substantive session of 2010

Operational activities segment

31st meeting

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation [3]

- (a) *Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council*
- (b) *Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme*

General discussion

The Council continued its general discussion of the item as a whole and heard statements by the representatives of Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), India, Japan, Norway and Bangladesh.

Statements were made by the observers for Cuba and Israel.

A statement was made by the representative of the International Labour Organization.

The Council thus concluded its general discussion of the operational activities segment.

The Chair, Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Alexandru Cujba (Republic of Moldova), made concluding remarks and suspended the operational activities segment.

32nd meeting

Coordination, programme and other questions

[7]

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

The Council began its consideration of the sub-item.

The Permanent Representative of Canada made an introductory statement, in his capacity as Chair of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti.

The Council then began its general discussion of the sub-item and heard statements by the representatives of Chile, Brazil, the Bahamas and Peru, and by the observers for Haiti and Benin.

A statement was made by the representative of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

The Council thus concluded its general discussion of agenda sub-item 7 (d).

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Tuesday, 13 July 2010

General Assembly

International Law Commission

Sixty-second session

United Nations Office at Geneva

3063rd meeting

Expulsion of aliens

[5]

The Commission continued its consideration of the Special Rapporteur's sixth report on the topic (A/CN.4/625 and A/CN.4/625/Add.1).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance. New York, 20 June 1956

Designation of authorities: Israel (13 July 2010)¹

Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Kiev, 21 May 2003

Ratification: Serbia (8 July 2010)¹

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Ratification: Ethiopia (7 July 2010)¹

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty Event**Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation****2010 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation****United Nations Headquarters (21–23 and 27–28 September 2010)**

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events have been held annually at the Headquarters of the United Nations commencing with the Millennium Summit in 2000. This year, the annual treaty event will be held from Tuesday, 21, to Thursday, 23 September, and on Monday, 27, and Tuesday, 28 September 2010, at United Nations Headquarters, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

The Event, entitled “2010 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation”, provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year’s event will highlight treaties of global reach such as human rights, terrorism, penal matters, disarmament, climate change and the protection of United Nations personnel. In particular, this year will highlight a theme which celebrates and safeguards life on earth, biodiversity. 2010 marks the International Year of Biodiversity; it also marks the start of the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification, another global issue requiring a global response.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.243.2010.TREATIES-3 of 28 April 2010. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the 2010 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <<http://treaties.un.org>> and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *July 2010* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Egypt
H.E. Mr. Maged Abdelaziz

Asian States:

Brunei Darussalam
H.E. Mr. Latif Tuah

Eastern European States:

Belarus
H.E. Mr. Andrei Dapkunas

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Saint Lucia
H.E. Mr. Donatus Keith St. Aimee

Western European and other States:

Belgium
H.E. Mr. Jan Grauls

Web sites

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www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_arabic.htm
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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

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